

Louisiana Housing Finance Agency

The following proclamation was offered by Commissioner Donald B. Vallee and seconded by Commissioner Michael L. Airhart:

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation recognizing the New Orleans Saints on their victory in Super Bowl XLIV and providing for other matters relating thereto.

WHEREAS, the NFL bestowed the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana with the Saints NFL franchise in 1964; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the franchise, the die-hard Saints fans have endured many trying years which led to some people using unappealing names for the team such as the "Aints"," Same Ole Saints", hopeful terms such as "Maybe Next Year" and disparaging words such as "You're a Saints fan...Sorry to hear that"; and

WHEREAS, the true Saints fans united, even in their misery, through good seasons and bad, and with conviction shouted "Cha Ching", "Bless You Boys", and "Who Dat?"; and

WHEREAS, the Saints franchise, even in the city's darkest hours following Hurricane Katrina, acted as a beacon of light, commitment and faith returning to New Orleans, Louisiana and committing to the rebuilding of the City; and

WHEREAS, The Saints team, and particularly this 2009 Saints team, continued to remind us on and off the field the indomitable nature of the HUMAN spirit; and

WHEREAS, the 2009-2010 NFL Football season demonstrates how a team and a game can serve as a driving force for fans, family, and friends to unite across America; and

WHEREAS, no one believed -- no one thought the Saints could do it, but the Saints and the Who Dat Nation always knew and never waivered in their belief; and

WHEREAS, countless sports analysts gave the Saints a crawfish's chance during crawfish season, to win Super Bowl XLIV; and

WHEREAS, the Saints have arrived, they FINISHED STRONG, and have now been officially declared, "WORLD CHAMPIONS" as a result of their thumping of the Indianapolis Colts during Super Bowl XLIV.

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that:

SECTION 1. The following phrases shall be retired and never uttered again in the building of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency under severe penalty:

- The AINTS
- SAME OLE SAINTS

SECTION 2. Be it further proclaimed that anyone asking "Who Dat?" while in the building of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency shall received immunity from any overbearing prosecution instituted by the NFL.

SECTION 3. But most importantly, be it further declared that the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency thanks each member of the Saints organization, including, but not limited to, the ownership, the management, the staff and each and every member of the 2009 team for the inspiration that said organization and team have provided to the Gulf Coast and the entire State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency further extends our heartfelt congratulations to the same.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Allison A. Jones, Donald P. Vallee, J. Mark Madderra, Guy

T. Williams, Mayson H. Foster, Michael L. Airhart, Tyrone

A. Wilson, Walter O. Guillory, Jerome Boykin, Sr.

NAYS:

ABSENT: John N. Kennedy, Susan W. Sonnier, Joseph M. Scontrino,

III, Katie Anderson, Elsenia Young, Neal P. Miller

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of February, 2010.

Chairman

Secretary

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing three (3) pages constitute a true and correct copy of a proclamation adopted by said Board of Commissioners on February 10, 2010 entitled, "A proclamation recognizing the New Orleans Saints on their victory in Super Bowl XLIV and providing for other matters relating thereto."

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Agency on this, the 10th day of February, 2010.

Secretary

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